



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL WILLIAM R. WARD

Colonel William R. Ward is Commander, Civil Air Patrol-United States Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. In this position, he provides Air Force advice, assistance, liaison, and oversight to the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a non-profit, federally supported, public benefit corporation that serves as the official Auxiliary of the Air Force. CAP has more than 57,000 members throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and several overseas Air Force installations. CAP-USAF operates from 50 locations nationwide and includes more than 100 active duty and civilian employees and more than 293 Reserve personnel.

Colonel Ward entered the Air Force from the United States Air Force Academy, receiving his commission in 1987. Following completion of undergraduate pilot training, he instructed primary jet pilot training in the T-37. Moving on to the C-130, he flew operational tours in Europe and the continental United States, as well as multiple deployments to the Middle East and Africa. During his career, he has held a variety of operational and staff positions, including flight commander, flight examiner, major command branch chief, director of operations, and squadron commander of an operational airlift squadron.



Before his present assignment, the colonel served as Vice Commander, Civil Air Patrol-United States Air Force. Colonel Ward is a command pilot with more than 3,900 hours, primarily in the T-37 and C-130 aircraft, including 179 combat hours during Operations, NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, JOINT ENDEAVOR, JOINT FORGE, JOINT GUARD, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

EDUCATION:

- 1987 Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Co.
- 1992 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. (residence)
- 1998 Master's degree in Management, Webster University
- 1999 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. (correspondence)
- 2000 Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Ks. (residence)
- 2001 Master's degree in Military Arts and Sciences, Army School of Advanced Military Studies, Ft Leavenworth, Ks. (residence)
- 2007 Master's degree in Strategic Studies with Joint PME Phase II certification, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. (seminar and residence)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1987 – June 1988, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Ms.
2. June 1988 – Dec 1988, T-37 Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, Tx.
3. December 1988 – January 1990, T-37 Instructor Pilot, Columbus AFB, Ms.
4. January 1990– April 1992, Chief, Wing Flight Operations and T-37 Instructor Pilot, Columbus AFB, Ms.
5. April 1992 – August 1992, student, C-130 Training, Little Rock AFB, Ar.

6. August 1992 – August 1995, Wing Scheduler and C-130H Aircraft Commander, Dyess AFB, Tx.
7. August 1995 – December 1997, Assistant Operations Officer, C-130H Evaluator Aircraft Commander, Dyess AFB, Tx.
8. December 1997 – June 1999, Chief, Operations Business Systems, Scott AFB, Il.
9. June 1999 – June 2000, student, US Army Command and General Staff Officer Course, Ft Leavenworth, Ks.
10. June 2000 – June 2001, student, US Army School of Advanced Military Studies, Ft Leavenworth, Ks.
11. July 2001 – October 2001, student, C-130 Requalification Training, Little Rock AFB, Ar.
12. October 2001 – June 2003, Assistant Operations Officer, C-130 Instructor Aircraft Commander, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
13. June 2003 – March 2005, Director of Operations, C-130 Instructor Aircraft Commander, 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
14. March 2005 – November 2006, Commander, 37th Airlift Squadron, C-130 Instructor Aircraft Commander, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
15. November 2006 – December 2007, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Al
16. January 2008 – April 2009, Vice Commander, Civil Air Patrol – US Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Al.
17. April 2009 – present, Commander, Civil Air Patrol – US Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Al.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot
 Flight hours: More than 3,900, 179 combat hours
 Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, C-130, C182

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Medal
 Aerial Achievement Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
 National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Southwest Asia Service Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May 1987
First Lieutenant	May 1989
Captain	May 1991
Major	April 1998
Lieutenant Colonel	June 2003
Colonel	Sep 2008

(Current as of November 2009)